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Re: Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security Nomination, P004807

Nomination of Mark J. O'Connor

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to nominate Mark J. O'Connor to the Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security. Mr. O'Connor, an experienced telecommunications and online attorney, is a partner at Donna N. Lampert Associates, P.C., and would bring a balanced and expert view to the Advisory Committee.

Based upon my knowledge of Mr. O'Connor, I believe Mr. O'Connor would provide the Committee with valuable understanding and unique insights on the perspectives of Internet Service Providers and online service providers, having represented many ISP and online clients during his career. In his capacity as counsel to Internet companies, large and small, Mr. O'Connor has offered advice on a host of federal regulatory compliance and policy issues, including privacy matters. For several years, Mr. O'Connor has also actively represented ISPs and online service providers before federal regulatory agencies, especially in the areas of deployment of new broadband technologies and competition for broadband services. In addition, through his seven years of representing telecommunications companies (including competitive local exchange carriers, wireless providers, long-distance companies, and cable television operators), Mr. O'Connor has a thorough understanding of how the telecommunications industries also are also affected by privacy and regulatory concerns. With his extensive background and understanding of the new broadband technologies and the regulatory concerns of ISPs, Mr. O'Connor would bring considerable knowledge and talent to the Advisory Committee's task of defining appropriate and fair privacy standards.

Equally important is that Mr. O'Connor's legal representation over the years has afforded him considerable experience and knowledge of the federal regulatory process, the public-interest issues as well as the business objectives of private companies. With this experience, Mr.

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O'Connor will be able to weigh and evaluate carefully the competing interests, and to recommend privacy standards that are effective for the highly un-regulated online industry. Moreover, since Mr. O'Connor would not be acting under the direction of any special interest, or on behalf of any particular client, his participation would be both informed and objective.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend Mr. O'Connor be appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security. Mr. O'Connor's address and contact information is:

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this nomination.

Sincerely,

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